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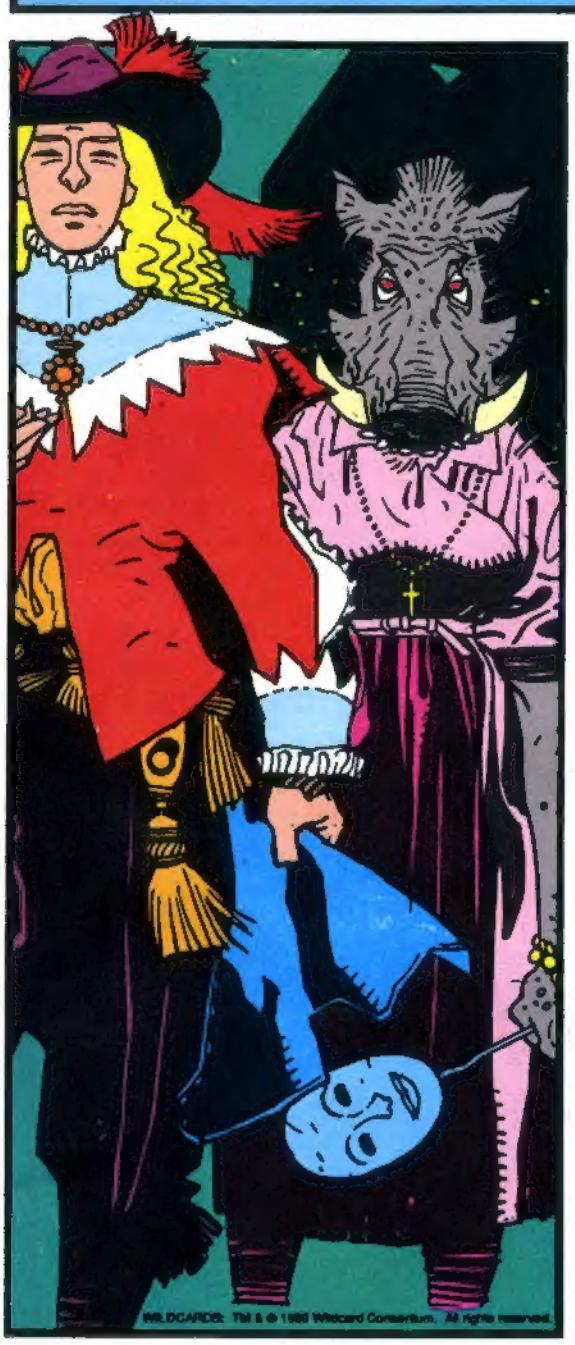


DEATH SPORES

Intergalactic virus spreads horror, super powers

(See *Wild Cards*™, page 6.)

Crystal power!

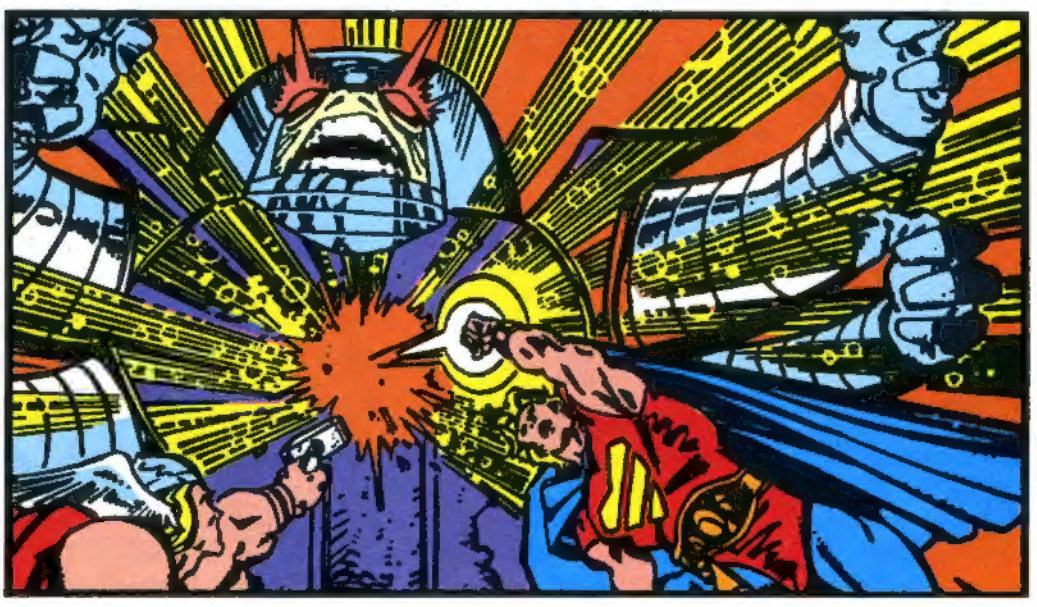
Gems provide infinite abilities to holder

(See *Thanos Quest*™, page 2.)

Eggs of Evil:

Weird hatchlings sighted worldwide

(See *The Terminus Factor*™," page 5.)



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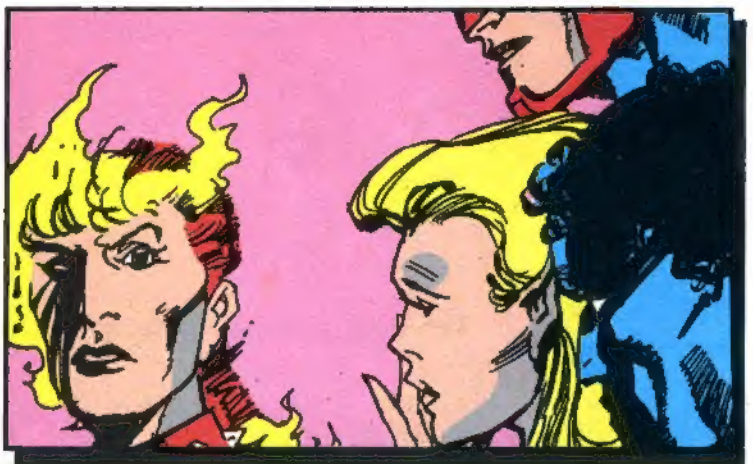

A sample of the amazing art team of Barry Windsor-Smith and Bill Sienkiewicz, appearing in *Excalibur #27.*

AVENGERS #322 $1.00
THE CROSSING LINE - PART 4 OF 6
Nicieza/Ryan/Palmer
The Avengers, Alpha Flight and the Soviet People's Protectorate fight the Atlantean Army for control of the trapped Soviet nuclear submarine.

AVENGERS WEST COAST #62 $1.00
Thomas/Ryan/Bulanadi
The California Avengers vs. Immortus in an all-out effort to foil his master plan to conquer all of time.

BLACK KNIGHT #4 (of 4) $1.50
R & D Thomas/ Buckler/DeZuniga
The Knight is restored to full strength when he, Dr. Strange and Valkyrie battle, Modred, Morgan Le Fay and the monstrous Fornar.

CAMP CANDY #5 $1.00
DeCesare/ Post/ Roettcher
The first annual Camp Candy beauty pagent! You'll never guess the winner.

CAPTAIN AMERICA #376 $1.00
STREETS OF POISON - PART 4 OF 6
1) Gruenwald/ Lim/ Bulanadi
The fight between Daredevil and Cap ends just in time for the fight of Bullseye vs. Crossbones to begin, while the Kingpin/Red Skull drug war rages on.
2) Gruenwald/Bagley
Battle Star continues the perilfraugt investigation of the Power Broker.

CAPTAIN AMERICA ANNUAL #9 $2.00
THE TERMINUS FACTOR - PART 1
Thomas/Valentino/DeLarosa
Beginning the incredible adventure running through the *Avengers* annuals weekly this month, as the children of Terminus begin to hatch and the Earth is invaded - *from within.* Bonus: a *Nomad* solo story to whet your appetite for the upcoming limited series.

CRITICAL MASS #7 $5.95
Chichester & Clark/Blevins & Zaffino & Morrow & Lawliss & Williamson & Sherman
The spectacular 80-page conclusion to this *Shadowline Saga* as the powers of Dr. Zero, St. George and Powerline are brought to bear against the nuclear terrorist Henry Clerk.

DAREDEVIL #284 $1.00
Nocenti/Weeks/Williamson
DD may be home, the battle with Mephisto behind him, but he still has to pick up the pieces of his life.

THE ELSEWHERE PRINCE #5 (OF 6) $1.95
Moebius & Lofficiers/Shanower
The Artist does *much* more than paint the world of the Airtight Garage when he uses the Elsewhere Prince's bow to kill the Bouch Tar'hai. And the Princess rebels in order to stay with the Artist and help him save the world! EPIC

EXCALIBUR #27 $1.75
Windsor-Smith/Sienkiewicz
A *spectacular,* once in a lifetime art team, and the impossible occurs when Excalibur meets...The Nth Man, a hero who doesn't even exist in the Marvel Universe! (Rescheduled from last month.)

NAMOR, THE SUB-MARINER #6 $1.00
Byrne
New York's garbage, dumped offshore, comes alive, and it's up to Namor and his cousin Namorita (of *New Warriors)* to stop the living sludge monster.

NICK FURY AND WOLVERINE: THE SCORPIO CONNECTION $12.95
Goodwin/Chaykin
The softcover edition of the best-selling graphic novel in which Fury and Logan hunt for the mysterious Scorpio. New cover painting by Howard Chaykin.

POWER PACK #58 $1.50
Higgins/Morgan
Franklin Richards, face to face with - Galactus, devourer of worlds. Also, the menace of Dark Nova.

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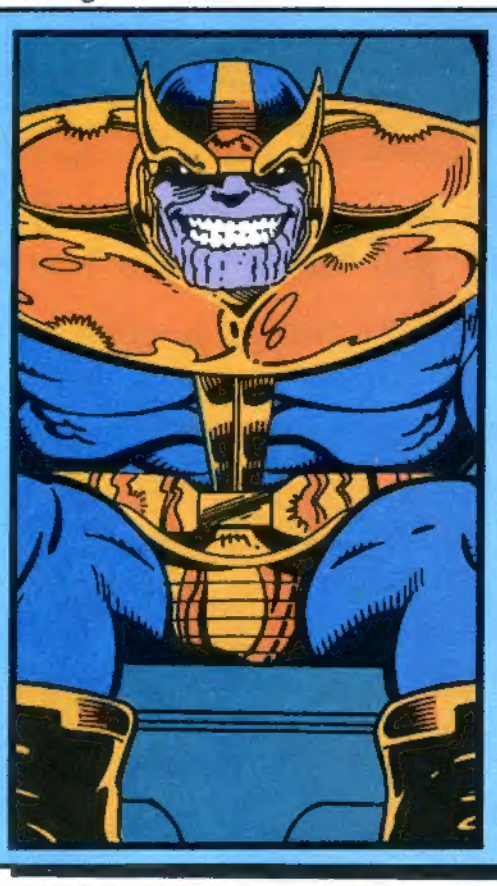

DEATH DIAMONDS

Cursed gems could cause galactic homicide

Thanos of Titan is one of the most supremely powerful beings in the Universe. In the past it has taken the Avengers, the Thing, Capt. Marvel, the Silver Surfer and Adam Warlock to stop him.

Now Thanos wants to kill half of the beings in the cosmos as a sacrifice to Death herself.

What he needs are the proper tools, and he finds them...in the form of the cosmically-charged Soul Gems held by the Elders of the Universe.

Thanos Quest is a two-issue saga in the bookshelf format, chronicling his search for the gems of power.

Written by Jim Starlin, master of the cosmic epic, it is illustrated by *Silver Surfer* artist Ron Lim with John Beatty and Tom Christopher (*painted* colors). It will be priced at $4.50.

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PUNISHER #38 $1.00
JIGSAW PUZZLE - PART 4 (OF 6)
Baron/Reinhold/Farmer
The Punisher is badly scarred when he fights his deadly enemy, Jigsaw, in Venezuela.

SHE-HULK #19 $1.00
Gerber/Hitch/Sanders
...she'll become, a bat That's it! Nosferata, the She-Bat, and her sidekick, Pidge! (Don't ask.) Together with She-Hulk, they oppose the evil Jack Serious.

STALKERS #6 $1.50
1) Strnad/Mayerik
The amnesiac from issue #5 is still an assassination target. His only protector is a Stalkers *candidate*, still green.
2) Verheiden/Texeira
The Stalkers begin to uncover the true scope of the Sleeper agents threat. *Ghost Rider fans,* are you catching Mark Texeira's work on *Stalkers?* You should be.

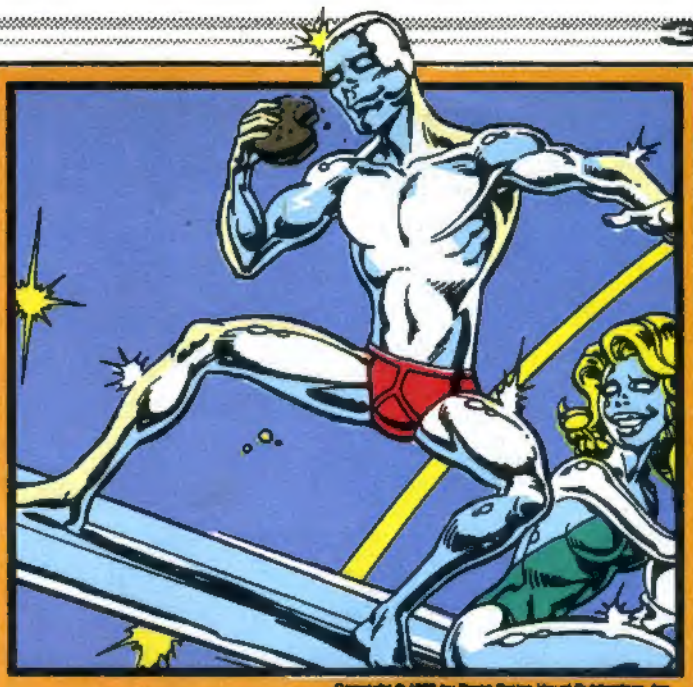
STEELTOWN ROCKERS #6 (of 6) $1.00
E. Lee/Leialoha
The band plays a hot gig - at a *comic book convention!* Check out their new song, "Teen Mutants." The exciting conclusion to this decidedly different limited series.

THANOS QUEST #1 $4.95
Starlin/Lim/Beatty/Vincent
Cover painting by Jim Starlin
Beginning a special two-part bookshelf adventure spinning out from *Silver Surfer.* Thanos, the mad Titan, hunts down the Elders of the Universe. He plans to take their Soul Gems to use them as weapons in his quest to wipe out half the living beings in the known universe.

WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #68 $1.00
Conway/ Saviuk/ K Williams
Tombstone is more powerful than ever, unfortunately for the web-spinner as he faces their final showdown.

X-FACTOR: PRISONER OF LOVE $4.95
Starlin/Guice
The Beast has a new love - an emotion vampire named Synthia, and she's in deadly danger. It's up to Hank and his X-Factor teammates to stop someone from killing her. This one-shot book-shelf special combines the creative energies of *Silver Surfer's* Jim Starlin and *Dr. Strange's* Jackson Guice.

X-MEN #267 $1.00
Claremont/ Portacio/Rubinstein
The fate of Storm, her big confrontation with Nanny, and a battle to the death between Val Cooper and Mystique. This one answers a *lot* of questions.



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MAD ARTIST ATTACKS

NO ONE CONSIDERED SAFE

Harvey Kurtzman. His name means the best in *funny books*. His *Mad* and *Little Annie Fannie* work helped forge his legend. *Harvey Kurtzman's Strange Adventures* is his first new work in years, and no one is safe.

He takes pot shots at super heroes in *Super Surfer.* Horror gets the bite in *A Vampire Named Mel* and *Shmegeggi of the Cave Men* clearly shows why dinosaurs became extinct.

His co-conspirators are incredible talents: Dave Gibbons, Sergio Aragones, Rick Geary, William Stout and Tomas Bunk. Guilty one and all. Art Spiegelman, Moebius and Robert Crumb have contributed introductory material, as well.

This deluxe hardcover is comics history in the making. Don't miss it.

Titles on sale the second week of July

ALF #33 $1.00
Gallagher/ Manak/ Marie Severin
ALF teaches the Tanners the most popular role playing game from Melmac. D&D was never like this.

ALPHA FLIGHT #88 $1.50
BUILDING BLOCKS - PART 2 (OF 4) **Nicieza/Bair/Manley**
Cover by Jim Lee
Forge, Banshee and Moira join Wolverine in the guest-seats as Alpha journeys to the Master's lair in search of Puck. We predict this issue's finale will be talked-about for years to come.

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #338 $1.00
SINISTER SIX - PART 5 (OF 6)
Michelinie/ Larsen/Machlan
The Sinister Six are fully-gathered and ready to launch a deadly satellite with which they will blackmail the entire world. Spidey, aided by an unexpected ally, faces all six villains for the first time.

AVENGERS SPOTLIGHT #36 $1.00
Gerber/Milgrom/Heck
The final installment of the Hawkeye series - a full-length conclusion to the gang war. Beginning next issue - "Avengers Reborn."

BRUTE FORCE #2 (of 4) $1.00
Furman/Delbo/DeCarlo
Brute Force, the scientifically advanced animals sworn to protect the Earth, face Heavy Metal, a villainous team of cyborg animals bent on allowing a deadly oil spill to wreak havoc and destruction.

GHOST RIDER #5 $1.50
Mackie/ Saltares/ Texeira
The Ghost Rider and The Punisher, together to stop Flag Smasher and Ultimatum from supplying high-tech weapons to New York street gangs.

GROO THE WANDERER #69 $1.00
Sergio Aragones with Mark Evanier
Groo do that voodoo that he do sooooo well. EPIC

HARVEY KURTZMAN'S STRANGE ADVENTURES (hardcover) $19.95
Harvey Kurtzman & Co.
Seven hilarious new stories by the man from *Mad*® and "Little Annie Fannie." Harvey is joined by such comic book greats as Dave Gibbons, Sergio Aragones, Tomas Bunk, Rick Geary, William Stout and Sara Downs. Additional material by Art Spiegleman, Robert Crumb and Moebius! EPIC

HEATHCLIFF #51 $1.50
DeCesare/ Post/Roettcher
Heathcliff competes in the Animal Olympics, upholding the honor of Westfinster.

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DARK REVENGE

A dramatic discovery heralds a new age in reconstructive surgery, until a devastating lab explosion nearly kills the inventor.

Burned over most of his body, the brilliant scientist finds he can make himself look like *anyone on Earth.*

But the illusion cannot last long under bright light. He takes to the shadows, to become the *Darkman.*

He will use his powers to take revenge on the criminals who sabotaged his laboratory, destroyed his life.

Adapted from the hit movie, *Darkman* is written by Ralph Macchio, illustrated by Bob *(Emperor Doom(* Hall, Mark *(Ghost Rider)* Texeira and Tony *(RoboCop 2)* DeZuniga.

Darkman will be available as a black and white magazine (the fourth week of July) and as a two-issue, full-color comic book limited series (in August).

More titles on sale the second week of July

IRON MAN ANNUAL #11 $1.00

THE TERMINUS FACTOR - PART 2
R. Thomas/Morgan/Emberlin
The threat of the Termini grows, as do the Termini themselves!

MARVEL COMICS #58 $1.25

1) *Wolverine/Hulk* - part 5 (of 8)
Higgins/Ross/Day
The Hulk vs. the Mimic, the mutant with the power to imitate any super power. At stake - the life of Wolverine.
2) *Werewolf by Night* - part 5 (of 6)
Kaminski/Fry/Joyce
The werewolf reborn!
3) *Sub-Mariner* - part 2 (of 3)
DeNatale/M. Collins/Farmer
Namor to the rescue of an underwater movie crew besieged by monsters.
4) *Iron Man*
Ditko & H. Bright/Ditko/Ivy
The *original* Iron Man in a tale from the past.

MARVEL SUPER HEROES #3 $2.95

1) *Captain America*
Fingeroth/Hartle/DeZuniga
Cap and Dominic Fortune in a special World War II adventure revealing unknown secrets behind Cap's origin..
2) *Captain Marvel*
Gillis/Bingham/Patterson
A tale of the Kree Captain Mar-Vell - our *original* Capt. Marvel.
3) *The Wasp*
Zimmerman/Amanda Conner
The tiny Avengers chairman vs. Kingsize!
4) *The Incredible Hulk*
H. Bright/Ditko/M. Rogers
The Hulk vs. the weird threat of the Distorter.
5) *Speedball*
Fingeroth/Ramos/Ald
The bouncing baby super hero vs. the deadly Dr. Octopus.
6) *Blue Shield*
Kaminski/Capullo
The classic super hero better have his insurance paid up when he faces Firebolt!

MARVEL PRESS POSTERS $5.95 each

Five *hot* new posters:
1) *Fantastic Four* by Mike Mignola and Mark Chiarello.
2) *Captain America*, a special 50th anniversary poster by Mike Zeck.
3) *Punisher* by Joe Jusko - the cover painting from *Punisher Magazine.*
4) *Elektra* by Moebius, the fourth in the special Moebius series.
5) *Spider-Man* by Todd McFarlane - the cover from *Spider-Man #1.*

NEW MUTANTS #93 $1.00

L Simonson/ Liefeld/ Barta
PART 1 OF 2:
In Madripoor, Cable and the New Mutants find themselves embroiled in General Coy's plot to launch a new synthetic drug on the world market. The drug will ultimately kill all non-mutant life. **Guest-starring Wolverine and Sunfire.**

NTH MAN #16 $1.00

Hama/ Wagner/ Fredericks
The final issue (*sniff*). We're going out with a bang with the big battle between the Nth Man and Alfie O'Megan, while the colossal alien, M'Gubgub, looms over the Earth, ready for lunch.

PUNISHER MAGAZINE #14 $2.25

Potts/Lee
Cover painting by Jim Lee
Beginning this issue, we include *Punisher War Journal* in *Punisher Magazine*, as we represent the first, hard-to-get issue of the series. Plus the Salick/Vosburg *Microchip* story from *Punisher Annual #1.*

QUASAR #14 $1.00

Gruenwald/Manley
JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY - PART 2 OF 4
Quasar, Hyperion and Makarri head for the Stranger's world to save the enthralled Squadron Supreme. There, they discover the fates of Krakoa the Living Island, Ego-Prime, Woodgod, Alpha the Ultimate Mutant, the original Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse and many more. This is the one that reveals the secrets of the Stranger!

ROBOCOP 2 #2 (of 3) $1.00

A Grant/Bagley/DeZuniga
Based on a Frank Miller screenplay
Continuing the full-color, comic book adaptation of the summer's hit film.

SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #177 $2.25

1) **Dixon/McDonnell/ DeZuniga**
Conan stops a royal assassination, only to be accused and hunted for murder.
2) **Flaxman/Curtis**
Red Sonja vs. slavery.
3) **Carr/Williamson**
A special portfolio of great moments from the legend of King Kull.
4) **Witterstaetter/Chan**
King Conan remembers the days of his berserker youth.

THOR #422 $1.00

BLACK GALAXY SAGA - PART 4 (OF 6)
1) **DeFalco/Frenz/Sinnott**
Thor, Hercules and the Recorder, face -to-face with the New Immortals on High Evolutionary turf, with the Celestials nearby.
2) **DeFalco/Hartle/DeCarlo**
Odin vs. Heimdall and the Warriors Three.

TOMORROW KNIGHTS #3 $1.50

Richardson/Whigham
The Tomorrow Knights infiltrate a secret corporate base to recover a cache of stolen high-tech components. They find themselves betrayed and framed for murder! EPIC

WOLVERINE #30 $1.50

THE LAZARUS PROJECT - PART 4 OF 4
Duffy/Jaaska/Rubinstein
Wolverine and Karma solve the mystery of the Lazarus Project.

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AVENGERS #323 $1.00
THE CROSSING LINE - PART (3 OF 6)
Nicieza/ Levins/ Palmer
The stranded Soviet sub's entire nuclear arsenal detonates, with the Avengers, Alpha Flight and the People's Protectorate trapped in the middle. All hope lies with Sersi and Shaman.

CAPTAIN AMERICA #377 $1.00
STREETS OF POISON - PART 6 (OF 6)
1) Gruenwald/Lim/Bulanadi
Diamondback and the Black Widow hunt down the drug-crazed Cap as the turf war between the Red Skull and the Kingpin comes to a dramatic conclusion.
2) Gruenwald/Bagley
The secrets of the Power Broker uncovered by Battle Star.

CONAN #236 $1.00
Higgins/ Lim/ Adkins
Conan learns the true meaning of brutality when he and Jorrma are captured, imprisoned and sentenced to death.

DEATHLOK #3 (of 4) $4.50
McDuffie & Wright/ Cowan/Magyar
Denys Cowan and Rick Magyar pick up the art reins as Deathlok fights back against Roxxon, only to be stopped in his tracks when he learns that they have a startling hostage.

DOCTOR WHO MAGAZINE #163 $2.95
Cornell/C Smith
Recipe for danger in a British Pub, with the Doctor and Ace at the bar. Also, an interview with Elisabeth (Sara Jane Smith) Sladen and a revealing look at the Doctor's popularity worldwide.

EXCALIBUR #28 $1.75
Austin/Doran/Blevins
Capt. Britain and Meggan meet two new super-powered con artists in a London pub, and end up in a huge barroom brawl.

GHOST RIDER T-SHIRT $12.95
Javier Saltares
Everyone's favorite flame-head roars across your chest in this special shirt designed by *Ghost Rider* penciler Javier Saltares, available *only* from your friendly neighborhood comic book store.

G.I. JOE #104 $1.00
Hama/ Bright/ Emberlin
Snake Eyes is unleashed on Borovia. Let's face it, they're outnumbered.

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #4 $1.00
Valentino/Valentino/Montano
Firelord, former herald to Galactus, joins the Guardians in their big bout with the Stark, the race whose technology is based on the Iron Man armor.

HERO #5 (of 6) $1.50
Michelinie/ Howell/ Delarosa
Cody Pace and his companions are closer than ever to finding Malevolus and getting Cody back to his condominium. Ort makes a *big* change, a sacrifice so great Cody learns what a hero *really* is.

INCREDIBLE HULK #373 $1.00
David/Keown/DeLarosa
THE GREEN HULK IS BACK, so the hunt is back on, and Doc Samson is in the lead. Meanwhile, Betty Banner comes to terms with the gray Hulk, and Bruce Banner is verrry confused.

MARVEL AGE #92 $1.00
The official Marvel fan magazine with Byrne and Romita, Jr., talking about "Armor Wars II, and a "Mutant Report" listing *every* mutant in the Marvel Universe. Even Fred Hembeck.

MARVEL TALES #241 $1.00
DeMatteis/Gammill/Esposito
Cover By Marshall Rogers
Spidey and the Beast face the menace of Professor Power (*not* the Power Pack father) from *Marvel Team-Up #124*.

The **Ghost Rider** *shirt*

NIGHTBREED #5 $2.25
Chichester/Guice
All-new stories continuing from the motion picture and *The Cabal* by Clive Barker. The stars of this macabre adventure are an old woman, a young girl and a *lot* of monsters, some of them with a taste for human flesh. EPIC

PUNISHER #39 $1.00
JIGSAW PUZZLE - PART 5 (OF 6)
Baron/Sherman
The Punisher lays siege to Jigsaw's base, and the Rev takes the Punisher's girl friend hostage.

ROBOCOP #7 $1.50
A Grant/ Sullivan/ DeMulder
RoboCop vs. dinosaurs when somebody tampers with the robots at Delta City's Dino Park. The attractions are eating people.

SHIELD #15 $1.50
DANGEROUS ATTITUDE - PART 1 OF 5
Chichester/Pollard/DeMulder
Nick Fury brings in some heavy duty help to stop the continuing
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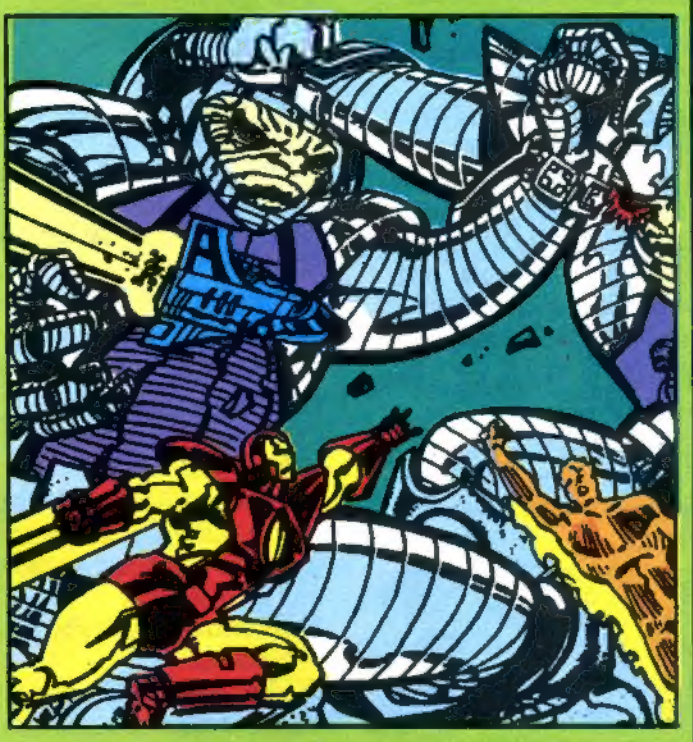
Insidious attack from *within*



The gigantic alien Terminus left a legacy...millions of *eggs* that, when they hatch, leave the Earth teeming with millions of *Termini*.

The Termini are a race so vile that the Celestials judged them unfit to continue. So the Termini hate and destroy all races that are judged worthy.

This month, the "Avengers Family" of annuals *(Captain American, Iron Man, Thor, Avengers West Coast* and *Avengers)* features **"The Terminus Factor."**

It will take the combined forces of the Avengers to stop this deadly invasion from *within*. Follow the action, every week this month.

More titles on sale the third week of July

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theft of classified NASA data. Even Mr. Fantastic, the Human Torch and the Thing can't stop the culprit from stealing an entire space shuttle.

SILVER SURFER #41 **$1.00**
Starlin/ Lim/ Christopher
The Surfer fights the unbeatable evil - bureaucracy. He wants to leave Dynamo City, but he doesn't have any money with which to pay the exit tax! Now he's got to get a job. **Surfer fans note:** you won't want to miss the first issue of *Thanos Quest.*

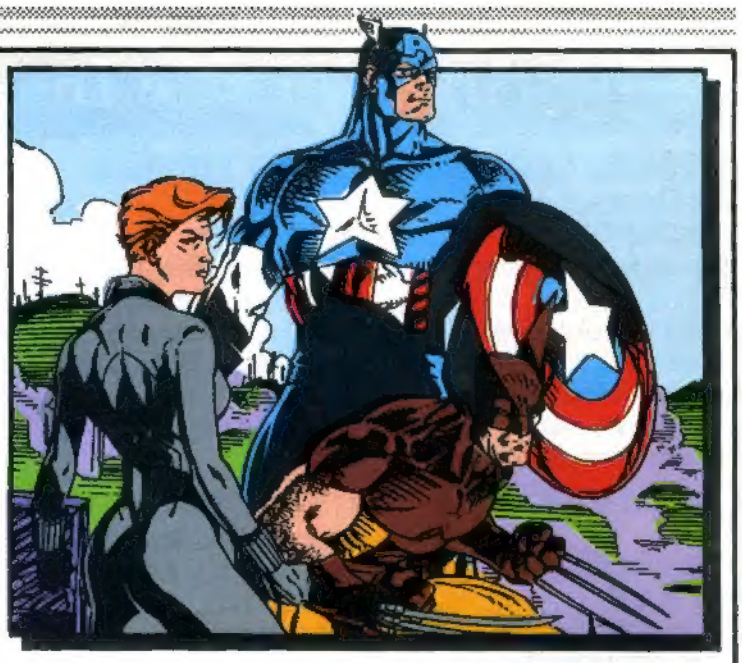
SPIDER-MAN #2 **$1.75**
McFarlane
The Lizard is trying to kill Spidey, and somehow it ties in with the death of Kraven the Hunter.

SPIDER-MAN TRADE PAPERBACK: KRAVEN'S LAST HUNT **$14.95**
DeMatteis/Zeck/McLeod
The softcover edition of the now-classic death of Kraven the Hunter.

SPIDER-MAN BUTTON SET **$7.95**
McFarlane
Six buttons by none other than Todd McFarlane.

THOR ANNUAL #15 **$1.00**
R. Thomas/ Trimpe/McKenna
THE TERMINUS FACTOR - PART 3 The Thunder God, Hercules and the Celestials get involved as the spawn of Terminus threaten to overrun the Earth from within.

STRIP #12
$2.50
Imported British adventure for the discriminating reader:
1) ***Marshal Law***
Mills/O'Neill
The final installment collecting the *original* series starring the super hero hunter and his battle with the Sleepman.
2) ***Chronicles of Genghis Grimtoad***
Wagner & Grant/Gibson
Fantasy in which men are men and so are animals.
3) ***Thorgal***



Van Hammer/Rosinski
Epic fantasy by the author of the cult film classic, *Diva.*
4) ***The Wrong Brothers***
Spencer/McRea
Continuing the misadventures leading us to wonder how man ever got off the ground.
5) ***Storm: Pirates of Pandarve***
M. Lodevijk/D. Lawrence
Continuing the famous, fully-painted fantasy series featuring the artwork of *Dan Dare's* creator, Don Lawrence.

WHAT IF #17 **$1.25**
Howell/Howell/M. Severin
"What if Kraven Killed Spider-Man?" When the web-slinger is murdered, Mary Jane must convince Captain America, Daredevil and the Human Torch that the new Spider-Man is an impostor.

X-MEN #268 **$1.00**
Claremont/J. Lee/S. Williams
Jim Lee and Scott Williams come on board as the series penciler and inker. The first team-up of Captain America and Wolverine in a tale set during World War II. The Black Widow also guest stars.

Titles on sale the fourth week of July

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #339
$1.00
SINISTER SIX - PART 6 OF 6
Michelinie/ Larsen/Gordon
Dr. Octopus's plan goes wild, threatening all life on Earth, and the Sinister Six discover that he has been using them as pawns. They're not terribly pleased. Plus, the rather final end of the problem of Jonathon Caesar.

AVENGERS WEST COAST ANNUAL #5 **$3.95**
Thomas/Fry/K. Williams
THE TERMINUS FACTOR - PART 4
The invasion of the Termini explodes into a cataclysmic battle over San Francisco. *Bonus:* a special "Acts of Vengeance" epilogue.

COUNT DUCKULA #13 **$1.00**
Gallagher/Haller/Roettcher
Something has contaminated the Count's vegetarian diet, causing him to **CHANGE.**

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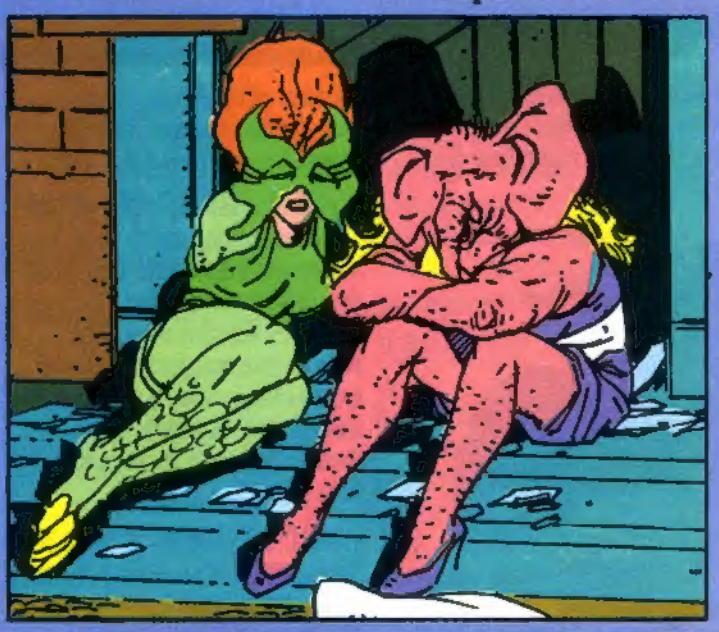
Alien virus spreads deadly super-disease

Legions of readers fanatically follow the *Wild Cards* paperback series. Now the saga comes to **Epic.**

An alien race uses the *human* race as guinea pigs, releasing a virus into our atmosphere. It *kills* 99 percent of those exposed. Of the survivors, 1 person in 100 develops wonderful powers. These people are the "Aces."

The remaining 99 percent get worthless abilities, or become grotesque horrors called "Jokers."



The *Wild Cards* Epic series features ***new*** tales written by the original authors from the paperbacks.

This four-issue Epic bookshelf limited series will include art by some of the best in the field, including Barry Kitson, Jackson Guice, Mark Nelson, Timothy Truman, Marshall Rogers and Tom Yeates.

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More titles on sale the fourth week of July

DARKMAN MAGAZINE #1 $2.25
A 64-page magazine adaptation of the hit summer movie. Horribly disfigured and left for dead by a gang of criminals, a brilliant scientist gains the ability to make himself look like anyone on Earth, a talent he uses for a terrifying revenge.

FANTASTIC FOUR #344 $1.00
Simonson[3]
Aiding the US Armed Forces under the command of President Dan Quayle, the FF must stop nuclear war with the Soviets on a world not quite their own. (Delayed from last month.)

IRON MAN #260 $1.00
***Armor Wars II* - Part 3 (of 6)**
Byrne/Romita, Jr./Wiacek
Iron Man battles the Living Lasers, the Mandarin's master plan begins to take shape, and the Mars twins (from *Namor)* get into the action.

MARVEL REQUIRER #6 FREE!
Your ticket to the entire month of August. And they say there's no such thing as a free lunch. (*Requirer* is particularly good with Thousand Island dressing.)

MARVEL COMICS #59 $1.25
1) *Wolverine/Hulk* - part 6 of 8
Higgins/Ross
Th Hulk and Wolverine fight the Mimic, but he has *all* of their powers, making him one mean opponent.
2) *Werewolf by Night* - part 6 of 6
Kaminski/Fry/Joyce
Jack Russell, the new, improved Werewolf, vs. a werewolf biker gang.
3) *Sub-Mariner* - part 3 of 3
DeNatale/Collins/Farmer
The battle to save a movie crew takes on epic proportions.
4) *Punisher*
McLaurin/Reed
The Punisher's first appearance in *Marvel Comics Presents*, as he and an innocent child are locked in a booby-trapped warehouse.

NEW WARRIORS #3 $1.00
Nicieza/Bagley/Mahlstedt
Genetech's conspiracy against the New Warriors deepens, and the teen team supreme faces the menace of the Mad Thinker.

KNIGHTS OF PENDRAGON #2 (of 6) $1.50
Abnett & Tomlinson/ Erskine/Lanning
Cover by Alan Davis
Hunting a serial killer in a group of environmentally-related murders, Inspector Dai Thomas is the hunter and the hunted on an African game preserve. He'll need Captain Britain to help him survive.
Look for the *free* Alan Davis poster in this issue.

ROBOCOP 2 #3 $1.00
A Grant/ Bagley/DeZuniga
Concluding the comic book adaptation of the Frank Miller movie story.

SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #168 $1.00
Conway/ S Buscema
Thor, Iron Man and Captain America guest star as we learn the repercussions of Spidey's refusal to join the Avengers, and the Kingpin hires the Puma to kill the Chameleon. Plus, is Mary Jane falling for another man?

THOR #423 $1.00
The Black Galaxy Saga - part 5 (of 6)
1) DeFalco/ Frenz/ Sinnott
The Celestials take an active part when chaos reigns on the High Evolutionary's home planet, with Thor, Hercules and the New Immortals in the middle.
2) DeFalco/ Hartle/ M DeCarlo
Ymir the Frost Giant launches an attack on Asgard and Odin begins a startling transformation.

TRANSFORMERS #70 $1.00
Furman/Wildman /Candelario
Megatron and Ratchet are fused together in a transporter malfunction, and Grimlock launches a desperate attempt to save the Dinobots.

WILD CARDS #1 (of 4) $4.50
Shiner/Kitson/Guice/Rogers
Cover by Jackson Guice
Based on and continuing the adventures of the Aces and the Jokers who star in the fantastically-popular Bantam paperback books. This first of four bookshelf editions recaps the origin of the Wild Cards when the alien virus is released into the atmosphere over New York, creating the heroic Aces and the grotesque Jokers. We also learn of a plot to destroy the tomb of the legendary hero, Jetboy, an act that will turn humanity against *all* Wild Cards.

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WOLVERINE #31 $1.75
Hama Silvestri/Green
Introducing the new creative team of Larry Hama, Marc Silvestri and Dan Green. The Prince of Madripoor decides to have Wolverine killed to pave the way for a massive drug deal with the Yakuza. Logan returns to Tokyo - a dirtier, meaner Tokyo than he left.

X-FACTOR #58 $1.00
L Simonson/ Bogdanove/ Milgrom
Crimson and her Coven try to transform the Angel into one of their own, just as Jon Bogdanove joins the creative team as *X-Factor* penciler.

X-MEN CLASSIC #51 $1.25
Claremont/Cockrum/ Rubinstein
Cover by Steve Lightle
Reprinting *X-Men #147*, Storm becomes Rogue Storm while Wolverine and Nightcrawler fight to save Storm and Arcade from Dr. Doom.

Mutant drug conspiracy

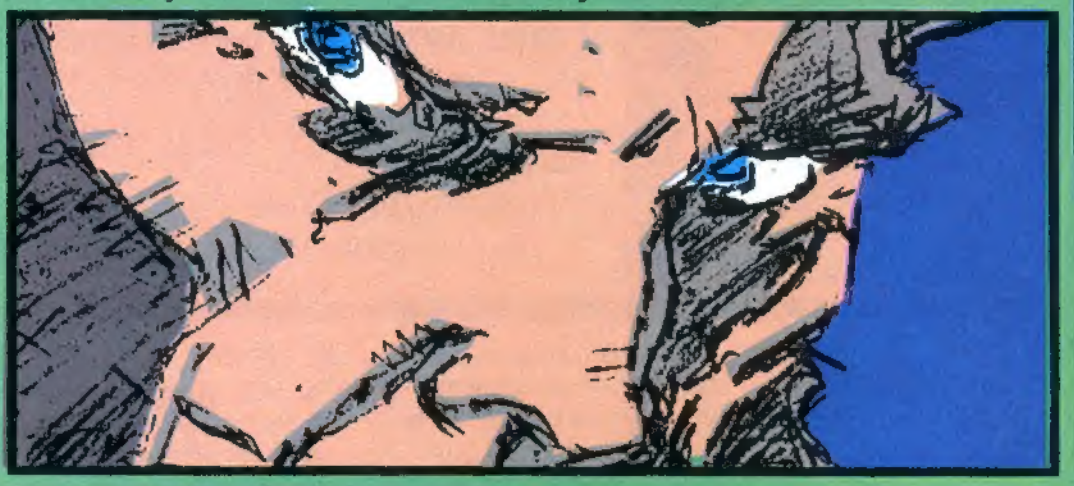
The Prince of Madripoor wants to introduce a new drug on the market, one that seems to have no addictive effects.

In truth, the drug will *kill* all non-mutant users. When Wolverine gets wind of the Prince's plans, he heads for Japan to cut off thepipeline.

Arriving in Tokyo, Logan finds a city unlike the one he left. He expects the land of honor. He finds a city with an underside of darkness and evil.

To complete his mission, he will have to go through the Yakuza, the Japanese mob.

Welcome aboard writer Larry Hama and artists Marc Silvestri and Dan Green for this dark drama in the *Black Rain* style. It's all in *Wolverine #31*.



Titles on sale the last week of July

Ghosties and ghoulies and long-legged Spideys....

Mary Jane inherits land in Scotland, so she and Peter decide to take a second honeymoon.

In the land of ancient castles, they find mysterious goings-on. Some of them can be attributed to the Scottish branch of the mutant ***Hellfire Club.***

But some of them can't.

This *beautifully* painted 80-page hardcover, "Spirits of the Earth," puts Spidey through his paces in one of the most exotic adventures you will ever read.

Charles Vess put in months of research in Scotland. The result is one of the most gorgeous comic book tales ever spun.

AKIRA #23 $3.95
Otomo with Duffy and Oliff
Tetsuo, cut off from his drugs, loses control and sets off a new wave of destruction that will free Kaneda and pit Tetsuo against...Akira. EPIC

AVENGERS ANNUAL #19 $1.75
Thomas/Trimpe/Albrecht
THE TERMINUS FACTOR - PART 5
It all comes 'round to the main title, as "The Terminus Factor" reaches its dramatic conclusion and the threat of Terminus's offspring attains planetary proportions.

CONAN SAGA #42 $1.50
Cover by Earl Norem
1) Thomas/Buscema/DeZuniga
The beginning of the adaptation of *Conan the Buccaneer* by L. Sprague deCamp and Lin Carter, taking Conan to sea. From *Savage Sword of Conan #40.*
2) Glut/Wenzel/Wray
Solomon Kane discovers the lost continent of Atlantis. From *Savage Sword of Conan #34*

THE DESTROYER #12 $2.25
W. Murray/ Weeks/Williamson
The last living Brontosaurus is captured by tthe world's largest hamburger franchise. Remo and Chiun have to save the giant lizard from becoming McDinos.

DOCTOR STRANGE #21 $1.50
Thomas/Guice
THE DARK WARS - PART 1 OF 4
Dormammu and Umar arise to threaten Clea's position as ruler of the Dark Dimension, and her only hope to stop the usurpers is to call the Sorcerer Suipreme.

MOON KNIGHT #18 $1.50
Dixon/Velluto/Palmer
THE TRIAL OF MARC SPECTOR - PART 4 OF 4
Spector has been sentenced to hang by the President of Bosqueverde. But El Presidente is under a death sentence himself, and it's up to Moon Knight to save him. We begin to unveil the *new* Secret Empire, paving the way for guest-shots next issue by Spider-Man and the Punisher..

THE 'NAM #48 $1.50
Dixon/Vansant/DeZuniga
The tale of a bet between two grunts in Vietnam. In a theater of war, any such distraction can mean disaster. You bet your life.

PUNISHER WAR JOURNAL #22 $1.50
Potts/T. Smith/Milgrom
The Punisher battles sharks - both the fish and the human kind - in the Philippines. Pencils by "No Escape" artist Todd Smith.

SPIDER-MAN: SPIRITS OF THE EARTH (hardcover) $18.95
Charles Vess
Words can't describe this breathtaking, fully-painted 80-page graphic novel by Charles Vess, but we'll try. It's set in Scotland, where Spidey and Mary Jane run into all sorts of mysterious goings-on, and the Scottish branch of the Hellfire Club.

STRIP #13 $2.50
The lucky thirteenth issue from England, containing some of the best adventure and entertainment the British have to offer.
1) *Storm: Pirates of Pandarve*
M. Lodevijk/D. Lawrence
Fast paced and fully-painted fantasy adventure.
2) *Genghis Grimtoad*
Wagner & Grant/Gibson
With a title like "Genghis Grimtoad," you're not likely to get *anything* you expect.
3) *Death's Head*
Furman/Senior
He's back! The future's top cyborg bounty hunter, fresh from his recent appearance in *Fantastic Four,* now in an all-new adventure. Yes?
4) *Combat Wombat*
White/Seddon/O'Donnell
The toughest marsupial merc in comics, in a tale even more bizarre than *Genghis Grimtoad.*

Magician claims proof of life in other "dimensions"

Not only is there life in other dimensions, some of it is undying evil.

Dormammu and Umar, both former rulers of the dark dimension, want their kingdom back.

But Clea, beloved of Dr. Strange, is the Dark Dimension's ruler. At least so long as she survives.

"The Dark Wars" begin in *Dr. Strange #21.* They may end in tragedy.